

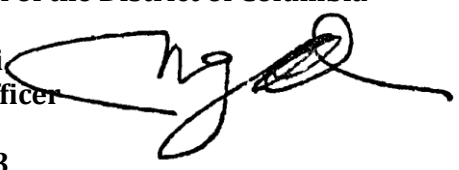
Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



**Natwar M. Gandhi**  
Chief Financial Officer

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi   
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** November 4, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement - "Department of Corrections Central Cellblock Management Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2013"

**REFERENCE:** Draft Bill shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 31, 2013

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The Department of Corrections (DOC) manages and operates the central cellblock facility located within the Metropolitan Police Department's headquarters.<sup>1</sup> When DOC was given this authority, it also should have been given the authority to supervise an arrestee at any medical facility in the District who is awaiting a court appearance. The bill gives DOC the authority to care for and protect a person detained at a medical facility.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Department of Corrections planned to maintain custody of an arrestee at a medical facility when it assumed responsibility for the central cellblock, but the authority was not specifically provided for in the original legislation. The emergency bill corrects the omission and will have no impact on the District's budget and financial plan.

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<sup>1</sup> Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Support Act of 2013, enacted August 28, 2013 (D.C. Act 20-; D.C. Official Code § 24-211.02(a-1)(1)).